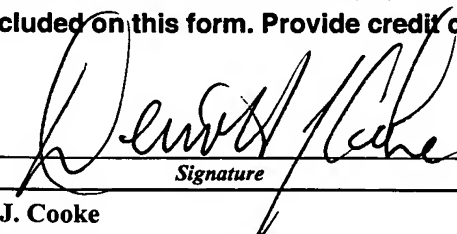
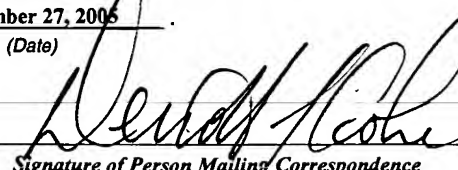


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RESPONSE

Sir:

Applicants submit this Response and request entry and consideration thereof, in reply to the Office Action mailed October 26, 2005.

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